

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
09-06-11

Chairman Boyer opened the meeting.

9-1-1

Cliff Gardener, 9-1-1 Director, asked the Board if they would sign a contract that would allow Miami County to share GIS information with Wabash County. Commissioner Francis made a motion to sign the contract agreement with Wabash County for the purpose of sharing GIS information. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Health Department provided a written request to the Board to charge \$100 for a Birth or Death certificate outside of regular business hours. Commissioner Faust made a motion to deny the request with a notation that the Health Department could resubmit the request asking for a lower amount. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PERU UTILITIES

Leah Aikman, Peru Utilities, went over the revised inter local agreement between the Utilities and the County for IT services. Commissioner Faust asked Ms. Aikman about sharing the cost of the overtime for the IT department. Ms. Aikman stated that we would probably not want to pay the overtime for the linemen. John Powell, IT Director, stated that he is hardly ever over there.

Commissioner Faust also asked if it was possible to increase the amount paid to the County by the Utility Company from \$25,000 to 30,000 or at least \$26,000 with a 3% increase each year because the \$25,000 does not cover the salary of the 3rd IT person. Ms. Aikman said that since they are going to help with upgrades, server licenses, etc. she didn't feel like they should pay for an entire salary. Mr. Powell built the Utility system prior to coming to work for the County and they only want technical support.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to sign the inter-local agreement with the Utilities. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITION

Elisabeth Price, Domestic Violence Coalition, requested permission to place the crosses on the Courthouse lawn, as they have in the past, in observance of October being Domestic Violence Awareness month. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

VS ENGINEERING, INC.

Stephen Moore, Project Manager, informed the Board that Miami County is eligible for a \$100,000 grant for signs. The County's portion can be provided through the salary of the employee doing the work. The Board will need to get with Dave Armstrong from INDOT for an early coordination meeting. Mr. Moore explained that all of the assistance he has provided has been at no cost to the County and he could help get everything else in place such as setting up the coordination meeting (at no cost to the County). Commissioner Faust asked him how he was being paid and Mr. Moore replied that his firm would be submitting a letter of interest to do the project. Commissioner Faust made a motion to support Mr. Moore continued help. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

YMCA RURAL TRANSIT

Dave Quick, YMCA Rural Transit, brought in a de-obligation form to return \$2,350 of stimulus money to the State. Commissioner Francis made a motion to sign the de-obligation form. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

EMA

Kris Marks, EMA Director, brought in the new by-laws for EMA and explained that the biggest change was the dates for their meetings. Commissioner Francis made a motion to accept the new by-laws. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Marks is applying for a grant to purchase a \$2,000 laptop computer.

Mr. Marks has also contacted some individual to either put a cement border around the building or put a chain link fence around it to try to keep the coons out of it. After some discussion, Commissioner Francis made a motion for Mr. Marks to proceed with the fence. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

ABANDONDED HOUSE

Mr. Robert Ansari came before the Board about an abandoned house next door to his property that has been empty for at least the 7 years he has lived next door. The house is infested with termites and is in deplorable condition. He would like to purchase it and tear it down as he has 3 small children and is fearful one of them could get hurt or part of the building collapse on them. It is listed in the next tax sale but over \$5,000 is owed. If it does not sale he would like to purchase it from the Commissioners. He can't afford a lot but he would tear it down and get rid of the high grass and insects. The Board will check into.

BOWMAN'S HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING

Bowman's cleaned vents on most of the 3rd floor of the Courthouse and replaced the motor that overheated on the 2nd floor this week.

3rd FLOOR LIBRARY REPAIRS

Dick Wiles told the Board of Commissioner that he would help with the repairs to the library on the 3rd floor of the Courthouse.

Mr. Wiles also said he would check into some options for getting a sound system for meetings.

REPAIRS TO OLD JAIL

John Evans, IT, reported to the Board that some pipes in the old jail has condensation which helps to develop mold and they would like the pipes to be wrapped. He also stated that John Powell had poured a bucket of water down the drain and it didn't go anywhere. They would like to get them cleaned out.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Pat Roberts, County Attorney informed the Board that the Miami County Holding Corporation would call a joint meeting between the Holding Corp and the Miami County Board of Commissioners to discuss finances. The meeting will be held Wednesday, September 21st, 7:00 p.m. at the Miami County Jail.

MINUTES

Commissioner Francis made a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PAYROLL

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the payroll. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

EMERGENCY PLANS

Michele Seigfred and Deputy Tim Hunter came before the Commissioners with concerns regarding there not being an evacuation plan in place. There was an issue with a motor overheating and smoke coming out of the vent in the Treasurers Office. Employees on the second floor went outside but the 3rd floor and 1st floor were not evacuated until later and people were not stopped from coming in the building. The Auditor stated that in the 11 years she has been here, she doesn't recall any plans in place to address emergencies. The Commissioners decided to have a meeting on Monday at 2:00 to address some of the issues. Those asked to attend the meeting are:

- *Board of Commissioners
- *Tim Hunter, Security
- *Ken Scott, Health Environmental
- *Cliff Gardener, 9-1-1
- *Chris Betzner, Fire Chief
- *Tim Miller, Sheriff
- *Jane Lilley, Auditor

CHAMBEER OF COMMERCE

Sandy Chittum, Chamber, informed the Board that the Chamber has received some complaints about a taxi service that does a lot of Medicaid/Medicare work and she doesn't know who to speak to about it. The Board suggested she speak with Family and Children Services.

Ms. Chittum also told the Board she would be interested in being on the Economic Development Board if there is ever an opening.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to recess and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

BACK IN SESSION

BUTLER, FAIRMAN AND SEYFERT

The Board received a bill from BFS for \$18,296 along with a voucher for the reimbursement. Commissioner Faust made a motion to sign the voucher for the reimbursement. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Faust made a motion to process the bill out of the Cum Bridge fund. Commissioner Francis 2nd that motion. Motion passed 3-0.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Time Miller brought in the resignation letter from Melinda Ross. Ms. Ross is retiring and moving to Florida. The Auditor spoke with Ms. Ross and her last day is September 30th and she is leaving for Florida October 4th. The last pay for her would be October 7th. The Personnel Policy states that a person has to work their last day. The Auditor asked if she verifies that Ms. Ross has met all other requirements, she could mail her last check certified (so she will have a signature it was received). Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow this exception and send Ms. Ross last check certified mail. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

The Jail under went a Federal inspection and it went very well.

The Sheriff gave an update on the creation of a training room.

BUSINESS 31

The Board received a bill from the Business 31 project for \$18,844.70. Commissioner Francis made a motion to process for payment. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

THANK YOU LETTER

The Board received a letter from the East Point Bible Church thanking the Board for road repairs that were done on old 24 and East Main Street.

OUTSIDE LIGHT

John Powell informed the Board that he received an estimate on fixing the outside light. The estimate was for \$650.

ASSESSOR

Sara McAuliffe, Assessor, informed the Board that she removed \$1200 from her County General budget for 2012 for Level II payments because she had some in her Reassessment Fund. She has discovered that she will need them both and asked for them to support her in putting back into her 2012 budget. Commissioner Francis made a

motion to support the Assessor putting that amount back in to her 2012 budget.
Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion.
Motion passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, **Chairman**
C. Craig Boyer

_____, **Vice Chairman**
H. Jon Faust

_____, **Member**
Joshua Francis

Attest: _____ **Auditor**
Jane Lilley